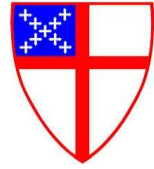


# Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



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The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 24, 2025

***Follow Christ. Welcome All. Serve Humbly.***

## **Welcome to Good Shepherd Church**



### **CALENDAR**

- SUN Aug 24** **The 11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Last day for FISH food donations**  
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts  
4:00 p.m. **Snickersville Academy 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Potluck and live music until 6 p.m. (see Notices)
- TUE Aug 26** **Morning FISH delivery, followed by...**  
**Preparation of “to-go” meals** (Parish Hall basement)
- WED Aug 27** **Distribute FISH “to-go” meals**  
**Psalm 119 Study** - 6 p.m. via Zoom (see Notices)
- SUN Aug 31** **The 12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist & Healing**  
with The Rev. Susan MacDonald  
Lay Readers: Josette & Ryan Keelor  
LEM/Prayers: Kelly Macoy | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell  
Music Leader: Janet Locklear
- SUN Sep 7** **The 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
11:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** with Josette Keelor  
Lay Readers: Kelly Macoy & Lee Ruddle  
Acolyte: Bethany Whitehouse | Zoomer: Judy Hall  
Music Leader: Tim Hall



**The Pine Grove AA** meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in person or by Zoom. Drop in or contact:

**<https://aavirginia.org/meetings>** - search for Bluemont.



A small group of five women are holding Al-Anon meetings at Good Shepherd every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ladies, please feel free to join them.

**We do not pass the plate to collect the offering. You may leave your gifts in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex.**

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Cathy Tibbetts

Lay Readers: Christine Kestner & Ron Edwards

LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor | Zoomer: Tim Hall

Music Leader: Janet Locklear

## Welcome and Introduction

Prelude “Simple Gifts”

*Elder Joseph Brackett*

Opening **Hymn 8** “Morning has broken”

## Opening Acclamation

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant prays*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise **Hymn 411** “O bless the Lord, my soul!”

*w 1-3, 6*

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103:1-8**

*Said responsively by half verse*

*Benedic, anima mea*

- 1 **Bless the LORD, O my soul, \***  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**
- 2 **Bless the LORD, O my soul, \***  
**and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3 **He forgives all your sins \***  
**and heals all your infirmities;**
- 4 **He redeems your life from the grave \***  
**and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
- 5 **He satisfies you with good things, \***  
**and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**
- 6 **The LORD executes righteousness \***  
**and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 **He made his ways known to Moses \***  
**and his works to the children of Israel.**
- 8 **The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \***  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

*The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying*

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

**The New Testament: Hebrews 12:18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 685** "Rock of ages, cleft for me"

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to

shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Cathy Tibbets*

**The Nicene Creed**

*The People stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

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*The People may be seated or kneel*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For our friends and family: (*see back page of bulletin*). For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for Diocesan Campus Ministries: The University Fellowship at University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Pace Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond; The House at University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg; Canterbury at James Madison University, Bridgewater College, and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg; and Arise at George Mason University, Fairfax. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*, we pray today for The Church of the Province of South East Asia For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Stephen, Acting Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Mark, Gayle and Mark our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha and Cathy, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

*The Leader continues*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces the absolution.*

**The Peace** (*the People stand*)

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

Offertory **Hymn 304** “I come with joy to meet my Lord”     *vv 1-3*

*The People stand for the Doxology*

**Hymn 380 v.3** “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*BCP, p.367*

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.

*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*         **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:     [[WLP 785]]

[Spanish] ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.***

[English] ***Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.***

*The People stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

### **The Act of Reception**

*The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all **virtual** participants.*

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

And, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*The Celebrant says the following*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.*

Communion Hymn **LEVAS 151** “One Bread, One Body”

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*from Enriching Our Worship (p. 69)*

**God of abundance,**

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may  
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue  
for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the People*

Closing **Hymn 368** “Holy Father, great Creator”

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



## **NOTICES**

### **SNICKERSVILLE ACADEMY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Gather with neighbors at this historic property in the village of Bluemont **today, August 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. to celebrate a milestone** for Snickersville Academy: its 200th anniversary. Located just on the other side of Snickers Gap from us, the academy was established in 1825 as Bluemont’s first one-room schoolhouse and church. Nestled by Butchers Branch beneath towering walnut and maple trees, this log cabin has withstood the test of time, enduring both the Civil War and encroaching development.

The celebration includes a **potluck picnic with music, refreshments, and special guests.** Bring a dish to share as we honor two centuries of community, education, and history!

Park at the post office or Epling Landscaping and walk up Snickersville Turnpike to the entrance walkway on the left.

### **PRAYER LIST MAINTENANCE**

Please send an email to [PrayerList@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:PrayerList@goodshepherdbluemont.org) if you would like to add or remove anyone from our Friends & Family prayer list.

### **PSALM 119 STUDY GROUP**

The final Zoom meeting of the Psalm 119 study group, led by Penni Tidwell, is scheduled for **this Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m.** Join us as we read a few stanzas of the psalm in various translations of the Bible and have a lively discussion. Even if you haven’t attended previous sessions, you are still welcome this week. Contact Penni Tidwell for the zoom link and further information.

## OUR COMMUNITY



### Thank you for your support of FISH!

In July, we collected **48 pounds of food and supplies** for FISH of Clarke County. Forty to-go meals and numerous “kids” meals were also distributed as part of our outreach effort. Don't forget that this summer there is more need than ever, as kids are not in school and funding for fresh produce has been hindered by the cuts in federal aid. **FISH has asked us to provide 50 boxes this month!** We will be prepping those meals this **Tuesday, Aug. 26**. Please contact Janet Locklear if you would like to support this effort.

### **Good Shepherd's July check for FISH was \$150.**

The FISH clothing store and food pantry at 36 E. Main St., Berryville is open every Tuesday from 8 am. to 10 am. and Wednesday from 8 am. to 11 am. Anyone not able to stop by when FISH is open may contact them at 540-955-1823 or [fishfoodpantry@comcast.net](mailto:fishfoodpantry@comcast.net) to schedule no-contact delivery. If you would like to volunteer for FISH, call 540-955-1823.

## VESTRY NOTICES

Current facility and grounds projects include work on the roof and gutters, repair of the front steps, and adding new steps and railing from the grass parking area to the driveway. After vestry approval, the roof painting contract has been signed. **Work begins tomorrow, Aug. 25, and is expected to last up to two weeks.** Penni Tidwell is leading the effort on the steps and parking area project. Please contact her if you would like to help gather information from contractors.



## PRAYERS

*Please pray for our neighbors  
and for ways we can serve the community.*

***Friends and Family:*** Kim Schaeffer (Andrea's friend), Brian Sweeney (Natalie's brother), Amie Comer (Friend at Rose Hill); Judi Floyd; Andy Pope and Donna Sowder (Rose's neighbors); Rose Holden; Jon Hall (Tim's brother); Bill Floyd (Judi Floyd's brother); Patricia Critchfield (mother of Kathleen and widow of Verne); Daniel Murphy (hiking the Appalachian Trail); Elaine J. (Christine's friend); Darlene Schaffer; Vickie Hooper (in-law of the Halls); Terry (our neighbor Gertrude's niece); Nancy Holden (Rose's sister-in-law); Becky Loker (the daughter of a friend of the Halls); Eileen Cawood; Jon Ecklund (Christine's brother-in-law); Lovette & the Rev. Michael Sie; Nancy Kelley; Kevin Tapscott (Lois's nephew); Yvette Webster (Rachel's partner); Craig Eney (Andrea's brother in law); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (our neighbor); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); The Adamson Family in Russia, especially Chris; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); Martha Hayes; Lee Ruddle; David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Tim and Cindy Ingram; Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); Sam Myers, John West, and Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

***To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list,  
send an email to [prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org](mailto:prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org)***



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*Register: Janet Locklear*

*Junior Warden: Ryan Keelor*

*Treasurer: Tim Hall*

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